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MAJOR GIFT MADE TO USD, NEW EDUCATION FACILITIES PLANNED

The University of San Diego is the recipient of a gift of \$500,000 from Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Harmon of Rancho Santa Fe, according to an announcement made by USD President Author E. Hughes at the University's annual President's Club dinner held January 22. The gift amount represents the largest single gift to the University from an individual, non-foundation benefactor, matching a similar amount contributed by San Diego businessman Douglas Manchester in late 1981.

"The University is deeply grateful," Hughes said, "for the support of the Harmon family--for the gift itself and for the Harmons' understanding of the University's commitment to enriched quality."

The Harmons, who made the contribution as part of the USD capital campaign announced last November, are members of the President's Club and parents of a USD student, Heather, a sophomore business major. Harmon, a leading figure in California and Western business, said that he and Mrs. Harmon have "a special affection for the University" which goes beyond the fact that their daughter is enrolled on campus. "The University of San Diego," Harmon said, "exemplifies the very best of what private higher education is all about, in its dedication to excellence and its concern for the human as well as the academic development of its students."

The Harmons' support will be commemorated in "Harmon Hall," the first of the existing campus structures to bear the name of a donor. Hughes spoke of the designation as "a perpetual sign of the Harmons' commitment to future generations of students, one which will stand to the San Diego community as visible evidence of your spirit of generosity."

The facility is now occupied by the USD School of Business Administration. After extensive renovation enabled by the Harmon gift, it will become the new home for the growing School of Education when the business programs move into new quarters in Fall 1984. The renovated building will contain four classrooms, a seminar room, twenty-two faculty offices, a curriculum resource center, student lounge, dean's office, and administrative center.

According to Dr. Edward DeRoche, dean of the School of Education, the School was established in 1972 and has maintained a steady student growth rate over the years, currently enrolling 325 students and offering Master's degrees in Counselor Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Administration, and Special Education and the doctorate in Educational Leadership. Graduates of the School serve as teachers, administrators, supervisors, counselors, and educational leaders in public schools, community agencies, health care service facilities and business and industry. DeRoche said the Harmon gift "comes at a time when the education program must expand its facilities to accommodate the growth of the School; I couldn't ask for a better way to start the new year, and the entire faculty of the School is delighted with the Harmons' generous, supportive contribution."

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